Medical College.

168. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Honourable Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether two medical officers were deputed to go outside with a view to study the feasibility of starting a Medical College in Travancore;

(b) whethar the Government have decided to start a medical college in Travancore;

(c) whether they have any estimate of the expenditure involved for the starting of the medical college here;

(d) if the answer to Part (a) is in the affirmative whether the officers concerned have submitted any report; and

(e) if so will a copy of the report be placed on the table?

HONOURABLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: *(a)* Yes.

(b) The matter is seriously engaging the attention of Government.

(c) The expenditure involved is being investigated by the Committee constituted for the purpose.

(d) Yes.

(e) A copy of the report is placed on the Secretary's table.

Shares held by Government.

169. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Honourable Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the shares held by Government (i) in the Travancore Bank, (ii) in the Fertilisers & Chemicals Ltd., Travancore; and

(b) what is the nature of other financial commitments regarding the Travancore Bank and the Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., Travancore?

HON'BLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI *(a)* 123810 shares of Rs. 25 each in the Travancore Bank Ltd., and 1125000 shares of Rs. 10 each in the Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.

(b) Government have a current account with the Travancore Bank and three fixed deposits amounting to Rs. 10 lakhs, Rs. 15 lakhs and Rs. 25 lakhs respectively.

Three loans, one of Rs. 95 lakhs and the other two (against supply of Ammonium Sulphate) of Rs. 6 lakhs each have been granted to the Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., of which one loan of Rs. 6 lakhs has already been repaid.

Primary Schools equipped with furniture in Thovala and Agasteeswaram Taluks.

170. MR. SREE V. DAS *(Kalkulam Hindu Nadar—Reserved)*: *(a)* Are the Government aware that the essential appliances like table, bench, chair, black-board etc., are not available in most of the compulsory primary education schools in Thovala and Agasteeswaram taluks, except those schools handed over by managements and those that have been permitted to be conducted by managements.

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(*b*) If so, state what steps have been taken by Government to remove such defects.

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: 4. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Orders for the supply of the necessary articles of furniture have been placed with the P. W. D. Workshops and Stores, Trivandrum and the supplies are expected soon.

Population of Tamils and Malayalees—Primary Schools in certain taluks.

171. MR. SREE V. DAS: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the population, the number of persons talking tamil as their mother tongue, the number of persons talking Malayalam as their mother tongue, the number of tamil primary schools and the number of Malayalam primary schools, on the basis of the 1941 census figures, in the taluks of Thovalai, Agasteeswaram, Kalkulam, Vilavancode, Neyyattinkara, Nedumangad, Shencottah and Deviculam.

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE:

Name of Taluq.	Population.	Total population whose mother tongue is Tamil.	Total population whose mother tongue is Malayalam	Total No. of Tamil Primary Schools.	Total No. of Malayalam Primary Schools.
Thovala	43,324	42,448	876	31	Nil
Agasteeswaram	1,83,655	1,76,874	6,781	104	5
Kalkulam	2,42,566	2,05,944	36,622	48*	42
Vilavancode	2,07,430	1,61,217	46,213	42	114#
Neyyattinkara	3,06,612	30,141	2,76,471	Nil	161
Nedumangad	1,87,495	6,327	1,81,168	Nil	117
Shencottah	55,451	52,432	3,019	11	Nil
Devicolam	64,395	53,394	11,001	9	3

*There are besides 33 Malayalam and Tamil (combined) Primary Schools.

#There are Tamil divisions in Malayalam Schools and Malayalam divisions in Tamil Schools according to the needs of the locality.

Construction of a Road along the sea shore.

172. MR. SREE V. DAS: Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state;

(*a*) What are the reasons for constructing a road along the sea shore;

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